

James Chapel Methodist Church
Gill Hall Rd.
Finleyville Vicinity
Washington County
Pennsylvania

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REDUCED COPIES OF MEASURED DRAWINGS

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington, Washington County
Pennsylvania

Owner: The College.

Date of Erection: 1793 (central part); 1818 (wings).

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and cellar.

Materials of Construction: Stone, with brick wings.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages:

The Administration Building
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington, Pa.
Washington County
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HISTORICAL DATA

The following data was gotten from Forrest's "History of Washington County", and from conversation with Dr. Temple of Washington and Jefferson College.

The stone portion which forms the central unit of the Administration Building was built in 1793, by Washington Academy. This institution was chartered in September 24, 1787. The first classes were held in the upper rooms of the old log court house. When this structure burned in 1791, the stone building was erected.

The name of the Academy changed in March 28 1806, when it was changed under a new charter to Washington College. In 1816, the brick wings were added on either side of the stone part. These were said to have then been used as dormitories.

At a much later date this institution was merged with Jefferson Academy in Canonsburg, and the name changed to Washington and Jefferson College. The old Academy building now houses the administrative offices, the President's offices, and some living quarters.

The original specifications are said to be in existence, but a recent search failed to reveal them. The name of the contractor was Sherrard. The chairman of the building committee was said to be David Bradford, a person prominent in the Whisky Rebellion.

The stone portion was said to have originally been located somewhat in advance of its present location and at a lower level. It was moved to its present location when the additions were made in 1816.

The marks of limbs are plainly visible on the solid logs which form the columns of the porticos. These columns were repaired in their lower portion as is evident from the photograph. The interior has been somewhat altered to allow for the modern internal arrangement. The end porches are of modern date.

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Reviewed 1936 by H.C.F.